



**THE IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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**STANISLAUS COUNTY  
IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (IHSSAC)  
MEETING MINUTES  
7/14/17**

Committee Members Present: Connie Miller  
Naomi Manke  
Valerie Mitchell  
Linda White

Committee Members Absent: Rose Martin (Advanced Notice Given)  
Marie Cochran (Advanced Notice Given)

IHSS & Link2Care Staff Present: Jeff Lambaren  
Kelly Violette

**OPENING REMARKS by Linda White**

- Meeting called to order at 1:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- None

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

- Meeting minutes from July 2017 were accepted and approved.

**PUBLIC AUTHORITY UPDATE**

- California In-Home Supportive Services Consumer Alliance (CICA) Fact sheet given with CICA Mission statement, information explaining Public Authority and IHSS Advisory Committee.
- If any IHSSAC members are interested in signing up for a leadership role within CICA please notify Jeff and more information can be given for monthly teleconference calls.
- An IHSS Provider is suing the United Domestic Workers in Santa Ana's federal court over dues deductions. For administrative reasons, the union allows members to opt out only during a limited annual window.
- Healthy Age Summit October 20<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am -1:00 pm at Modesto Centre Plaza Balance testing, drop the drugs/drop-off, cholesterol screening, and more. Vendors for senior care and senior health needs.
- Electronic timesheets will begin for Stanislaus County August 7<sup>th</sup> more information will be received via mail in the next few weeks.

## BUDGET UPDATE

- **Senate Bill 90** (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review) was enacted into law as part of the 2017-18 State Budget package and establishes a new MOE estimated to shift an additional \$592.2 million to counties for IHSS services in 2017-2018.
- **General Fund Offsets** SB 90 establishes the statewide county IHSS MOE base at \$1.769 billion and appropriates \$ 400 million General Fund (GF) in 2017-18, \$330 million in FG 2018-2019, \$200 million in 2019-2020 and \$150 million in 2020-2021 and annually thereafter to offset the additional IHSS cost being shifted to counties.
- **Revenue Redirection:** 100% of the Vehicle License Fee (VLF) to assist in paying for IHSS for 3 years 2017-2020; 50% VLF will be redirected for the same purpose for an additional 2 years. 2020-2222
- **1991 Realignment Sales Tax changes** SB 90 revises 1991 Realignment sales tax provisions to disburse sales tax growth throughout the fiscal year.
- **Community Choice First Option** If the Community First Choice Option is eliminated, the County IHSS MOE shall be adjusted once to reflect a 35 percent share of the enhanced federal financial participation.
- **County IHSS Administration Cost** SB 90 includes language directing the California State Association of Counties (CSAC), the County Welfare Directors Association and the Department of Finance (DOF) to examine workload and budget assumptions related to administration of the IHSS program. County IHSS Administration is underfunded by approximately \$30 million in 2017-18.
- **Supplemental Wage Increase** SB 90 provides that if a county negotiates a wage supplement linked to the state minimum wage increase, the county's IHSS MOE shall be adjusted once.
- **Public Employee Relations Board (PERB)** If an employer and the service provider union are unable to reach an agreement on a contract, SB 90 establishes a process through PERB to find resolution.
- **Associated Changes** the Administration will change the methodology for calculation program cost for IHSS. Instead of the current accrual method that essentially sets up a two-year lag for program payments to counties, cost will be paid in the year in which they are incurred.
- **Loan Availability** Counties may apply to DOB for low interest loan related to the additional IHSS costs.
- **Re-Opener Language** SB 90 requires in the 2019-20 Fiscal Year State Budget, that stakeholders and DOF re-examine costs of the IHSS program as it relates to overall 1991 Realignment revenues, and requires DOF to report findings and recommendations based on that process.

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

- **AB 237** (Gonzalez Fletcher) In-Home Supportive Services. This bill has been referred to the Senate Committee on Human Services, but the scheduled hearing was cancelled at the request of the author.
- **AB 432** (Thurmond) Expands the PA role and allows PA to be designated to negotiate for WPCS clients. This is currently in the possession of the Senate Human Services Committee, where it is slated for the consent calendar on July 11, 2017
- **SB177** (Nguyen) Cognitively Impaired Adults-Caregiver Resource Center Funding. Senate Appropriations- This failed to meet the House of Origin deadline, and is now a two year bill pursuant to Rule 61(a) (3).

- **SB 202** (Dodd) Medi-Cal Beneficiary Maintenance of Needs Senate Appropriations (Increase from \$35 to \$80)- This failed to meet the House of Origin deadline, and is now a two-year bill pursuant to Rule 61(a)(5).

### **MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

- Membership Flyer printing delayed due to resource constraint. Working with a vendor to finish the process. More to come when expected to be mailed out.
- The 2017-18 Fiscal Year budget is approved and now can make a payment to Healthy Aging Association for the newsletter regarding our article to recruit new members.

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPORT**

- Riverbank Senior Apartments at 3101 Orange Ave. is now accepting applications for the wait list. You can reach them at 869-1343.

### **AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

- Public Comment
- Acceptance of Meeting Minutes
- Public Authority Update
- Budget Update
- Legislative Update
- Membership Update
- Committee Members Report
- Agenda Items for Next Meeting